

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting January 21, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

**2. Pledge of Alliance**

**3. Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Councilwoman Laura Atwell, Mr. Ben Day, Mr. Jon Carras, Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice and Mr. Robert Adler

Absent: Mrs. Laura Tooker

Public: Mr. Ed Pomphrey

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2021 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

**4. Election of Officers**

Charles Shay nominated for Chairman by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Carras  
Mr. Clark nominated for Vice-Chairman by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Carras  
Mrs. Tooker nominated for Secretary by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Clark

Mr. Shay, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Tooker unanimously voted for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary respectively for 2021.

**5. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Clark. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

**6. Chairman Report**

Chairman Shay received a resignation letter from Mr. Millhiser and thanked him for his years of service to the Commission.

The goals for 2021 were adopted by the Commission as follows

- Opening of the Moss History Room to the Public (Mrs. Tooker)
- Maintain and Update HPC website (Mr. Clark, Mr. Shay & Mr. Day)
- Complete line drawings for Glossary Photos (Mr. Day & Mr. Fitzmaurice)
- Additions to Gone but not Forgotten (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mrs. Tooker)
- 2021 Awards Program (Mr. Clark)
- 2021 Historic Plaque Program (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Carras)
- Special Plaque for Bingham Hall (Mr. Clark)
- Rumson History Vol 3 (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Day)

## **7. Sub Committees**

### **A. Maintain & Update HPC Website**

- Data collection of properties that will turn 100 in the next five years (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) – Ongoing.
  - Out of the 107 that will be turning 100 years old in 2021, out of a total of 107, 51 have met the criteria to be added.
  - The remaining still require assessment and architectural review. (Mr. Adler & Mr. Fitzmaurice)
- Add properties turning 100 years old (Mr. Shay, Mr. Clark & Mr. Day)

### **B. Develop Website Enhancements**

- Line drawings for glossary photos completed. (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mr. Day)
- Rumson historic material uploaded to website (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing

### **C. Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing**

### **D. Recognize those in the Community who foster Historic Preservation**

- Special plaque for Bingham Hall (Mr. Clark) – Ongoing
  - Mr. Clark to provide sample for Borough Council review.
  - Funding options need to be reviewed.
- 2021 Award Program (Mr. Clark)
  - Commission will proceed with the 2021 Award Program
  - Borough to be notified

### **E. Preserve Rumson’s Historic Character (All)**

- Historic Plaque Program to continue with new pricing (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Carras)
  - Update application form & pricing

### **F. Continue Current HPC Activities**

- Resource to owners of Historic Homes (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark)
- Communicate HPC activities with residents (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Day)
- Communicate with other HPC Groups – (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark)

## **8. New Business**

- Rumson History Book Volume 3 (Mrs. Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
- Mr. Fitzmaurice suggested that a timeline of home building in Rumson be documented. Mr. Pomphrey suggested that the Oceanic Library had completed a Rumson timeline project and that HPC could possibly follow that format to illustrate the types of homes that were built over the years.
  - Further discussion at February 2021 meeting.
- Post historic photos on existing Facebook pages. (Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing
  - Use of Facebook & Twitter to share Rumson history (Mrs. Tooker & Mr. Day)
- Moss History Room soft opening (Mrs. Tooker) – TBD
- Possible future celebration of Rumson history (Mr. Carras) – TBD
  - Continue discussions and planning at February 2021 meeting

## **9. Liaison Reports**

Vice Chairman Clark reported that two permits (115 Rumson Road and 18 Buttonwood) were issued to raze homes, neither of which are in the HPC inventory.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 after a motion by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Fitzmaurice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Laura Atwell for Laura Tooker, Secretary